

Northwest states that the estimated cost of installing the new meter station will be approximately \$257,050, comprised of approximately \$20,000 for the tap facilities and the remainder for the meter facilities, with expenses totally reimbursed by Puget.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-765-000]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Wisconsin Loop Expansion Project

July 10, 1998.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) in the above-referenced docket.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the proposed Wisconsin Loop Expansion Project facilities including:

- About 11.7 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline loop on ANR's

existing Wisconsin mainline in Waukesha County, Wisconsin;

- The relocation of an existing pig receiver from ANR's existing Milwaukee Tap and Meter Station No. 10 to a parcel of land adjacent to ANR's existing mainline Station No. 12 in Waukesha County, Wisconsin;

- A valve station at milepost 7.7 along the proposed 30-inch-diameter pipeline loop; and

- A new meter station (Somers Meter Station) at milepost 12.19 along ANR's existing Racine lateral in Kenosha County, Wisconsin.

ANR would transport an additional 116 million cubic feet of natural gas per day to shippers in the Chicago hub markets.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your comments to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.1.
- Reference Docket No. CP97-765-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before August 7, 1998.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good

cause, as required by Section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11512-000 Oregon]

John H. Bigelow; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

July 10, 1998.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for a new license for the existing McKenzie Project, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the project. The project is located on the McKenzie River, in Lane County, Oregon. The DEA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and has concluded that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA are available for review in the Public Reference Room, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Any comments should be filed within 45 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to David P. Boergers, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. For further information, contact Gaylord W. Hoisington, Project Coordinator, at (202) 219-2756.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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